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Typhoon Safety

1. Weather warnings indicate that Typhoon Ewiniar is headed in this direction and could affect weather conditions on the Korean peninsula within the next 24 to 48 hours. Everyone needs to be aware of this weather hazard and take appropriate precautions to guard against injury to persons and damage to equipment.

2. Two of the most obvious hazards associated with a typhoon are high winds and heavy rainfall. Outlined below are some actions that can be taken to mitigate risks associated with these hazards.

- Check with your chain of command or Area Commander for local preparedness activities and requirements.
- Move vehicles, equipment and supplies to high ground. Restrict vehicle travel during and immediately after the typhoon. Do not park vehicles or equipment at the bottom of a valley, on the bank of a small stream, or other flood prone areas. Sudden flooding of low lying areas can result in loss or extensive damage to equipment. During and after heavy rains, beware of bridges over streams. High water can undermine bridges and render them unsafe.
- Remember that typhoons have "eyes," areas in the center where the weather appears calm. If the eye passes over your area, it may appear that the storm has finished, with winds then picking up again as the remainder of the storm arrives. If the storm becomes severe, move into the hallway or area where there is the least exposure to external glass windows.
- After the storm is over, check for and avoid broken glass, fallen trees, and downed power lines which may present safety hazards.
- Have a basic emergency kit. Kits should include: toiletries, bottle/can opener, first aid kit, non-perishable food, medications, battery-operated radio, extra batteries, extra clothing, flashlights, gloves, water. Arrange flashlights, lanterns, candles and lighters in places where adults can easily find them. Secure, or move inside, outdoor items such as toys, grills, bicycles, furniture, and anything easily moveable. Move potted plants and other heavy objects away from windows, both inside and outside of your house.

3. Everyone must keep informed. Listen to your local AFN-K radio station, tune to the local base information channel on television, or track the typhoon via the Joint Typhoon Warning Center website at <http://www.npmoc.navy.mil/jtwc.html>. I need everyone's help to guard against tragedy during periods of destructive weather. We go together!

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